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Collectors' Notices
Mr. W. DARLINGTON will visit Kennebec County in February.

Mr. G. S. AYER is now canvassing the county of Kennebec.

Mr. S. M. TAYLOR is now canvassing the county of Kennebec.

Mr. A. D. PORTER of Lakeville, Co. Wallis, is now engaged in canvassing and collecting in Nova Scotia, as agent for the MAINE FARMER.

Mr. J. S. SMALL will call upon subscribers in York County during the present month.

The Eastern War Cloud.
In the recent address from the throne, the Queen only briefly alluded to the disagreement between Great Britain and Russia, and her remarks on that point were so indefinite as to lead many to suppose that the complications between the two countries are much more serious and threatening than they appear on the surface. The tone of the dispatches which have passed between London and St. Petersburg are doubtless firm and courteous, and yet it is very evident that the Emperor of Russia has decided on a certain line of action, and that England is equally determined to resist him.

In the simple fact of fitting out the Khivan expedition by Russia, there was nothing that menaced or threatened England in the present, but it has been a large body of troops for Khiva is not one of them. It is also said that Russia made suitable and satisfactory explanations to England, and that the two governments agreed upon certain limits to the line of march, by which the English possessions would not be trespassed upon. But this pacific outlook did not long continue. Afghanistan is an independent power, and has been in the policy of Great Britain to aid her in maintaining her independence. Practically it is but little better than an English colony, for without the aid of English bayonets, it would fall as easy prey to Russia. It is well known that Russia has for a long time desired to extend her borders in this direction, but has been hindered for want of the "bones and sinews" of war which, in her recent wars, she has generally depended on England. But the present Emperor of Russia is the nephew of the Emperor William of Germany, and family ties have recently been strengthened by visits and conferences. The German government, in its French war indemnity, has a great amount of ready money and is in excellent condition to become a money power. It is possible that Germany may be the banker of Russia in her designs of eastern and southern conquests.

To inaugurate the movement Russia found a pretext for a quarrel with the King of Khiva and fitted out an expedition to chastise him. The czar pretended to have no quarrel with the Afghans, but justified the invasion of that country on the ground that Russia was engaged through the Afghans territory in order to reach the contumacious Khivas, whose territory lay beyond. Yet in marching through Afghanistan the Russians seized certain forts and carried away a governor as prisoner of war. This act was very significant and at once opened the eyes of England as to the real designs of the czar.

Alarmed at the apparent design of the czar to extend the limits of his proposed territorial acquisitions, several of the governments of Europe including France, Austria, Italy, Turkey, Denmark and Sweden have indicated their purpose to support England. These powers well know that, with the possession of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Russia would hold a balance of power and that the peace of Europe would be in constant danger.

It is possible that in view of the power and strength of those opposed to his ambitious schemes, the Russian Emperor may defer his purposes of conquest to some more favorable time, but he certainly exhibits no such disposition at the present time.

We have said that Russia disclaims any hostile intent against Afghanistan, thus conceding that she is not in the least hostile to that country and is allowed to extend its conquests beyond, a magnificent country would be added to Russia territory.

Let the reader examine any good school map of Asia and he will at once comprehend the importance of the question at issue as to the extent of territory involved. It includes the sea of Aral and the land bordering on the Oxus throughout its entire length, embracing cities and countries which have been the centers of the richest oriental trade for centuries. In these climates the cities are marts of internal trade to an extent unknown in any other part of the world. It is no waste like Siberia that Russia now desires to add to her dominions, but a country unsurpassed in soil and climate and with a commerce which has been renowned for ages.

With his power firmly established in independent Tartary, the czar would at once be the master of Central Asia, and at the first opportunity, notwithstanding his promises to the contrary, would turn southward to find an outlet into the Indian Ocean.

Movements on the part of both England and Russia for the purpose of settling the matter with equal interest, and let us hope that a settlement may be reached without involving Europe in general and sanguinary conflict.

A meeting of the Executive Committee and other members of the Maine Editors' and Publishers' Association was held in Senator Butler's room at the Augusta Hotel, last evening, to take action in regard to the bill before Congress relating to prepayment before mailing of postage on newspapers to regular subscribers. President Shaw in the chair. Mr. Butler of Biddeford moved that we protest against the passage of the law. Carried. On motion of Mr. Dingley of Lewiston, voted that the "wholesale printer of the Maine press against the law be forwarded to our members in Congress. A dispatch conveying the sentiments of the association was sent to Speaker Blaine last evening.

Chester Francis of Mr. David Russell of Jefferson, accidentally shot himself on the 14th of January. He was conversing with a neighbor on the road, holding his gun in a careless manner, when he happened to strike the hammer with his foot, and the piece went off, the charge of shot entering the right lung, and passing through lodged in the right shoulder. The unfortunate youth was not seriously hurt, and eight hours after the accident. He was a young man of excellent character and habits, and was on a visit to his parents preparatory to his departure for California. He was in the 22nd year of his age.

E. F. Pillsbury, Esq., who was accused for Lawrence Doyle, convicted of the murder of Nellie Libby, in 1862, and who was subsequently died in States Prison, visited the murderer Evans, as the request of the Governor and others this week, to see about his alleged confession of that murder. Mr. Pillsbury always believed Doyle to be innocent. We understand that the interview was wholly unsatisfactory, and that Evans uttered no word by which Mr. Pillsbury could connect him with the murder at Strong.

The law which was passed by the House Tuesday, providing a punishment for maine workers, would have been very popular in the middle ages, in the days of the institution. As it is, it is the most barbarous law of Maine we ever placed upon the statute books of Maine. We believe in punishment for crime, and we are willing, if need be that a special punishment should be provided for those who willfully and maliciously imperil the lives of passengers on railways by placing obstructions upon the track, but we believe the punishment should be the result of enlightened and intelligent action, and in accordance with the principles of civilization. But in the punishment provided by the terms of this bill, in refinement of cruelty, there is nothing in the iniquitous code of Spain that exceeds it. Sixty days of solitary confinement. Sixty days and nights in dark dungeons. To be crucified with cords and allowed to perish from hunger and exposure would be merited complicity to it. To be tied up and tortured by sticking pins into the quivering flesh, or scorching it with hot irons would be less terrible than the punishment provided by the terms of this bill. It is virtual death by torture, and a death compared with which, death at the stake, and death upon the rack are enjoyable. No person could live half of sixty days and nights in absolute darkness, and before five days the strongest minded man would become a gibbering idiot.

The severity of the punishment provided in this case, will defeat the whole object for which it was intended, for it will be next to impossible to convict a person under it. Nothing but positive proof would do it, and that is rarely to be found for such deeds are not done in public or in the light of day. We hope the Governor will interpose his veto, and not suffer such a barbarous enactment to become part of our criminal code.

CRITICISM. The new approach of St. Valentine's Day is indicated by the display in some of the shop windows.—C. Beale & Co., of Beale & Farnham, are soon to move to more convenient quarters.—Capt. J. D. Myrick has not purchased an interest in a drug store at Lewiston, as reported by the "Journal of that city."—Fifty-eight persons were vaccinated at the expense of the city Saturday. It was the result of a large body of water, and ice against one of the brick chimneys in Granite Hall Block, Saturday morning, that caused the top to fall upon the sidewalk. The chimney has been rebuilt and secured by iron bands.—Mr. Dingley's lecture before the Reform Club Friday evening, is highly spoken of.

There is a large accumulation of snow on some of the flat roofs in this city, and unless it is removed, it will be a great weight upon the roofs. The newspapers are requested to warn advertisers that Postmasters are forbidden by law to deliver letters addressed to initials or fictitious names, unless sent to the care of some responsible person.—Mr. A. W. Kimball is engaged in making pictures of the members of the present State government, and is now painting the portraits of the members of the Legislature. The next lecture of Mr. Penney's course will be delivered by Hon. J. E. Butler, on Friday evening of this week. The concert at the Winthrop street Unitarian Church on Sunday evening was a pleasant affair, and enjoyed by old and young. The three pleasant days of last week were followed by a cold and stormy day, the mercury below zero and the wind blowing a gale.—It is again reported that the purchasing committee of the Library Fraternity is about to purchase books. We hope it may be true.—The Judiciary Committee have refused to pass a bill extending the right of suffrage to females. Messrs. Chapin, Brighton, Dingley of Lewiston and Titcomb of Augusta, three of the most intelligent members of the committee, voted in favor of reporting a bill. Let their names be recorded, for they will certainly be remembered when woman has her rights.—A bill before the Legislature will pass, providing that the members of the board of directors of the High School shall be elected for three years.—Whitmore and Clarke's Minstrels are coming soon.—The reform clubs of the State hold their annual delegates convention in this city to-day (Thursday) for the choice of officers and the transaction of other business.—A horse belonging to W. P. Whitehouse ran away Wednesday, and in his mad career down Grove and along Water streets, overturned several sleighs and perpetrated considerable damage.

REPEALING THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE. The bill repealing the franking privilege which passed both houses of Congress, has received the signature of the President, and become a law. The following is the law as passed.

Be it enacted, That the franking privilege be, and the same is hereby abolished from and after the first day of July, 1873, and that no official correspondence of whatsoever nature, and of whatever rank or position, or addressed to any officer of the Government, or to any person now authorized to frank mail, shall be exempted from the payment of postage as may be lawfully imposed upon like matter sent by or addressed to other persons; provided that no compensation or allowance shall now be made for the franking of Senators, members and delegates of the House of Representatives on account of postage.

The statement was made by a New York press that the effect of the bill will be to take away the privilege of free exchanges so long enjoyed by the newspaper and periodical press of the country, does not appear to be borne out by the language of the above act. No allowance whatever is made to the subject, and we presume nothing of the kind was intended by the framers of the bill.

The Universal Love at Granite Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, was very successful. The dramatic part of the performance elicited much praise. On the last evening a silver water set was voted away. The statement was made by a New York press that the effect of the bill will be to take away the privilege of free exchanges so long enjoyed by the newspaper and periodical press of the country, does not appear to be borne out by the language of the above act. No allowance whatever is made to the subject, and we presume nothing of the kind was intended by the framers of the bill.

PORTLAND SUGAR HOUSE. Last week one of the old corporations in Portland closed its corporate existence. The Portland Sugar Company, which was established in 1855, having recently liquidated its affairs, has now disposed of all its real estate to the Hon. J. B. Brown. The President of the company and has relinquished its charter. Prior to the great conflagration of 1866 the business transacted by the corporation was very large, over 80,000 hogsheads of molasses being converted into sugar and syrup annually, that held a very high reputation at the South and West. Employment was also given to over a thousand hands. The first destroyed the old sugar house, and now, covering an acre of ground, was speedily constructed. For a year or two the company continued operations, but an active competition, in the mean time, started up in other cities, the new frontier process was introduced, and the business becoming unprofitable, the Portland Sugar Company suspended operations. Mr. Brown, the President, and his two sons then formed the well known banking house of J. B. Brown & Sons.

LIBRARIAN'S CONVENTION. A numerously signed call for a Librarian's Convention to be held in Bangor, next Wednesday is issued. This is a movement of very great importance. The State of Maine and New Brunswick. Whilst interests of far less value and magnitude have their associations for their promotion and protection, the Librarian's Convention has been without organization. The convention should be very largely attended by business men both from this State and from the Province. Its deliberations will possess extraordinary interest, and can but result in benefit to the business.

THE HARKINS STREET SLEIGH, advertised in our paper to-day, is winning great favor from its many merits, apparent on inspection. It is economical, powerful and durable.

We again remind our readers of the Concert to be given by the Bangor troupe at Granite Hall, next Monday evening.

COURT TRAM. Sheriff Barton has announced at the following depositions for Kennebec County: Geo. R. Stevens, Belgrade; Wm. H. Libby, Augusta; Geo. Wheeler, Farmington; Joseph Stevens, Wintthrop; John O. Page, Bangor; Silas Gardner; James F. Blaine; Mr. Vernon; Mrs. S. Smith, West Farmington; Wm. Percival, West Farmington; Wm. H. McElroy, Waterville; Wm. M. Maxwell, Waterville; and shoe dealer of Waterville, died suddenly Tuesday evening while attending a Masonic meeting. He was taken with a fainting fit and lived but a few minutes.—The "Journal" says that the Y. M. C. A. of that city have made arrangements for a course of lectures, one of which will be given by one of our Representatives, Mr. Thomas.—The "Journal" says that City Marshal Fox has stated that there have been thirty-six arrests in Hallowell the past year, arrested ninety for the previous year, and six committed to jail against thirty during the same period. This speaks well for the temperance reform movement.—The eighth vocal and instrumental concert by the Music Department of Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, will be given on (this) Thursday evening. Prof. W. F. Morse is the conductor.—In Hallowell, at about 8 o'clock Monday evening, a dwelling house owned and occupied by Mr. C. M. Campbell, was destroyed by fire. The furniture was mostly saved. Loss and insurance unknown.

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And find my fabled, too, I don't know what to do, I don't know what to do,

My Heparj told his parsons
And the law the law the law
And C'mon's torn his arm
And needs another pair,
I don't want a hand a hand
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I want to go to Grandma's,
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I want you to knit me some
I want you to knit me some
I want you to knit me some
I want you to knit me some
I want you to knit me some
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I wish I had a cookie
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I'm hungry I can be,
I'm hungry I can be,
I don't want my baby once
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